Proposals of Government of Himachal Pradesh

508. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from Government of Himachal Pradesh for strengthening of Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Paprola, Project on Health Tourism (Panchkarma), Development of Herbal Garden Dhumrera Rohroo, Shimla, upgradation of institute of PG Education and Research Paprola; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The following assistance has been provided to Himachal Pradesh:

(i) Rs. 73.72 lakhs has been released for opening of Panchkarma Centres in Hotels to Promote Health Tourism in Himachal Pradesh.

(ii) Rs. 5.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for development of Herbal Garden, Dhumrera, Rohroo, Shimla under Central Scheme for development & cultivation of Medicinal Plants.

(iii) Rs. 8.77 lakhs has been sanctioned to Instt. Of Postgraduate Education and Research, Paprola for upgradation.

(iv) Rs. 95 lakhs to Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Majara, Rs. 75.00 lakhs to Government Ayurvedic Pharmacy, Joginder Nagar has been released. In addition Rs. 75.79 lakhs has also been released for State Drug Testing Laboratory, Joginder Nagar.

Introduction of a new technique for diabetics

509. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report that a new technique has been introduced for diabetics, who have severe heart problem, which appeared in the Indian Express, dated the 24th October, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how his Ministry is going to publicize it for the common cause of the diabetics with heart disease?